

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/077,701

Examiner

Robert Sellers

Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

1712

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the election filed 7 August 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. <u>0903</u> . |
| 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. <u>0903</u> . | 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

The election with traverse of Group I in the response filed August 7, 2003 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the grounds that claims 20-31, 32-44, 45-55 and 56-59 include the subject matter of at least claim 1. This is not found persuasive because these claims further contain reactive components such as an epoxy resin which irreversibly alters the formulation (Groups II-V, VIII and IX), or defines a composite or laminate which is structurally distinct from the mixture of hydroxyarylphosphine oxides existent in liquid form (Groups VI and VII), or is directed to a method of making the hydroxyarylphosphine oxides wherein Grignard reagents are employed which are useful in materially different reactions from phosphorus oxychloride, such as carbonyl compounds.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 11-136 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to nonelected inventions, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction requirement in the election filed August 7, 2003.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael W. Farrell on September 17, 2003.

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Change the title to: - -MIXTURE OF MONO-, BIS- AND TRIS-(HYDROXYARYL) PHOSPHINE OXIDES USEFUL TO MAKE POLYGLYCIDYL ETHERS OR IN EPOXY COMPOSITIONS--.

Cancel claims 11-136.

Replace the abstract with the following new one presented on a separate page.

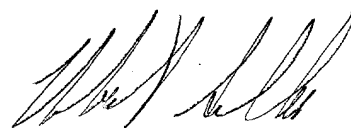
The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art to Japanese Patent No. 2000-186186, Piirma, McGrath et al., Okuse et al. and Brennan et al. (equivalent to PCT Publication No. WO 01/42253) set forth bis- or tris-(hydroxyaryl)phosphine oxides. The claimed mixture including a mono-(hydroxyaryl)phosphine oxide is not recited, nor is there any impetus to add such a hydroxylarylphosphine oxide. Furthermore, the claimed blend of bis- and tris-(hydroxyaryl)phosphine oxides is not disclosed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled

"Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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--ABSTRACT

A mixture of hydroxyarylphosphine oxides comprising (a) a mono(hydroxyaryl)phosphine oxide, (b) a bis(hydroxyaryl)phosphine oxide, (c) a tris(hydroxyaryl)phosphine oxide, and, optionally (d) a tri- aryl, alkyl or aralkyl-substituted phosphine oxide is useful in the preparation of polyglycidyl ethers derived therefrom, or is employed as flame retardants in epoxy resin compositions which can be processed into resin-impregnated composites.--.